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** PVC Programs **

The Office of Private and Voluntary Cooperation (PVC) plays a dual role within USAID. Through the programs it administers, PVC provides direct support to efforts made by the U.S. community of private and voluntary organizations (PVOs) and by local partners (NGOs) to address critical needs in developing countries and emerging democracies. Within USAID, PVC also serves as a focal point for information about PVO capabilities and programs. The office is a key player in the development of policies and procedures within USAID that affect these organizations.

MATCHING GRANT:

The Matching Grant Program assists PVOs that address development priorities which are consistent with those of USAID. The program provides support for **capacity building for PVOs** and, through them, to their NGO partners. This allows them to "professionalize" their management systems or technical backstopping of programs, replicate proven program approaches in new places, expand to new sectors, or undertake innovative projects that offer possibilities for transferring new skills and methods. These grants, which are matched by PVOs on a dollar-for-dollar basis, leverage private resources for development and help to strengthen the financial viability of the PVO recipient.

CHILD SURVIVAL GRANTS:

The Child Survival Grants Program works with PVOs that engage in primary health programming as part of their international development efforts. Matched by a 25 percent contribution from the PVO, child survival grants support projects that are designed to have a real impact on the health status of children and mothers living in target areas in developing countries, an impact such as the lowering of the infant and child mortality rate from diseases. Low-cost strategies that can be sustained after the projects end are central to these projects. Capacity building for sustainable health service delivery is also a standard feature in these

grants.

FARMER-TO-FARMER:

The Farmer-to-Farmer Program provides grants to U.S. PVOs, cooperatives, NGOs, and private agribusinesses to build their capacity and defray the costs of providing direct agricultural technical assistance through U.S. volunteers to farmers, farmer organizations, and related businesses overseas. Public Law 480 Title II resources enable PVC to administer this popular people-to-people program.

COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT:

The Cooperative Development Program provides support to U.S. cooperative development organizations to enable them to help create or support cooperative movements in developing countries and new democracies. These grants strengthen and expand the capacity of U.S. organizations to work internationally, allowing them to provide technical assistance and training to their local counterparts.

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION:

The Development Education Program, also referred to as the Biden-Pell Program, supports activities by private, not-for-profit organizations to educate the American public about U.S. humanitarian relief and economic development programs overseas and build national understanding of these programs.

DENTON:

The Denton Program is a noncompetitive program, which allows for the shipment of humanitarian aid cargo from private U.S. organizations free-of-charge to the donor via military transport on a space available basis. Generally, donor organizations have strong links to the in-country NGOs with which they work, providing medical equipment, educational supplies, and other goods to assist local efforts for service provision.

OCEAN FREIGHT REIMBURSEMENT:

The Ocean Freight Reimbursement Program enables more than 50 PVOs each year to meet the costs of shipping supplies to developing countries in support of development and humanitarian activities. Recipients of these funds generally have a strong link to grassroots recipient organizations with which they work. Normally, there is a self-help component to all projects for which ocean freight reimbursement is provided. The Ocean Freight Reimbursement Program leverages cost-shared resources that are many times greater than the funds USAID administers; for every \$1 dollar in USAID grants, up to \$40 in private resources are leveraged.

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